



THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 4 1900

SEVERAL manufacturers now in business or contemplating engaging therein elsewhere, aware of the superior natural advantages possessed by Alexandria for every sort of manufacturing industry, have recently written here, asking about its artificial facilities and the inducements that would be offered them to establish plants in this city. In order to determine what answer may be returned to these inquiries, Mr. M. B. Harlow, one of the most active and enterprising of Alexandria's citizens, and all of whose interests are located here, after consulting with some other Alexandrians, whose fortune, like his, depends upon that of the city, suggests that if each of four hundred real estate owners here will agree to subscribe five dollars a month for one year, making a sum of \$24,000, a fund would be raised, which, wisely distributed in the purchase of sites, might, if supplemented by temporary free water and tax exemption, be sufficient to induce the inquirers referred to, to commence business here. There is no doubt of the fact that the price of real estate here was never lower than it is now, and if such a plan as the one proposed shall succeed in accomplishing its object, the small sum asked for, will be returned twenty fold in increased rents and enlarged values. To find out whether or not the requisite number of subscribers to the proposed fund can be obtained, a meeting of the property owners here will, it is understood, be called some time next week. The new assessment is now in progress, and it is plain that something must be done to "relieve the pressure."

IF ALL the other millionaires in the country shall follow Mr. Carnegie's example and close their purses to the collectors of the republican campaign fund, as long as the present administration shall continue to make war on the Philippine Republic and pursue its expansion and imperialistic policy, the supremacy of Mr. Hanna, and the reign of bought republican majorities would end with the close of Mr. McKinley's term of office. But all millionaires are not as wise as Mr. Carnegie, and in respect of most of them, it is present profit, rather than their country's interest, that influences their action.

AS THE President gave the Cubans three millions, and bestowed upon the Spaniards the munificent sum of twenty millions for the Philippines, the Porto Ricans are now asking him to give twenty millions to them also. As they haven't cost this country anything like as much as either Cuba or the Philippines, and as the President has all the money he wants, at his disposal, and is in a giving mood, why he doesn't give them what they ask for is a little remarkable.

THE PASSAGE by the House today of the resolution to investigate the action of Secretary Gage in depositing the money of the Treasury in certain favorite banks in New York and Chicago, in the latter of which he holds a large amount of stock, reminds those who are not forgetful, that when Mr. McKinley was a member of the House, he abused President Cleveland for depositing government money in Wall Street banks. But circumstances alter cases.

THE Boers are certainly defending their country as well as any people in their condition could possibly do, and there is every indication that they will continue to do so. Great Britain's realization of the difficulties she willingly encountered when she commenced a totally unnecessary war upon distant people, not in her way, is anything else than satisfactory, and will be saddening and injurious to her, no matter how it may end.

SOUTHERN men who desert the democratic party naturally hate that party and do anything, no matter what, to injure it, and thereby to gratify their spite against it. The populists in North Carolina, therefore, though some republicans there intend to support the democratic ticket, for the good of the State, have announced their determination of fusing with the republicans and negroes there at the coming election.

GENERAL WHEELER has been so thoroughly reconstructed that the republicans of Alabama say he had influence enough with the President to have a republican appointed census supervisor of his district, with the understanding that all his enumerators should be democrats. But the President and the General evidently act upon the old human idea, that one good turn deserves another.

BEFORE the commencement of the war between Great Britain and the Transvaal the government of the latter requested President McKinley, who had appointed delegates to the peace conference at the Hague, to use his good offices with his new allies, the British, to prevent hostilities. There would have been no objection to his complying with that request then, but he refused even to give it the slightest attention.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, January 4. Governor Tyler, of Virginia, has declined an invitation from the District Commissioners to attend the services to be held here in commemoration of the founding of the federal capital, on the ground that it would be proper for him, as Governor of Virginia, to do so, and that, too, though forty of the governors of other States have accepted similar ones. As Virginia was one of the original States and gave part of the territory of which the District of Columbia was originally formed, the commissioners are considerably put out by his decision. They say that Virginia must be represented on the occasion, and are considering whether to transfer the invitation to Lieutenant Governor Echols or Senator Daniel. The memorial of the centennial will be the Arlington Bridge, the two abutments of which will be completed at the time of the celebration.

Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, Congressman-elect, argued in his own defense before the Tyler investigating committee of the House this morning. Ex-Secretary John G. Carlisle, who had been engaged by the Anti-Slavery League to argue the case against Roberts, was detained at New York and A. T. Schroeder argued in his place. The proposed testimony of Mr. Letcher, of Utah, who says he saw Roberts sick in bed at Maggie Ship's house, was submitted to Mr. Letcher. He refused to admit that Mr. Letcher, if summoned, would so testify. It is not likely, however, that Mr. Letcher will be sent for. Mr. Roberts made an introductory statement attacking the testimony of some of the witnesses who appeared against him, but the committee apparently attached but scant importance to the same. A. T. Schroeder, of Utah, then began his argument for the prosecution.

In the Senate today Mr. Spooner introduced a bill authorizing the purchase of a site for a building for the accommodation of the Supreme Court of the United States.

In the Senate today Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, introduced a resolution in favor of retaining the Philippine islands, asked that it lie on the table, and gave notice that he would make a speech on the subject next Tuesday. Mr. Callum reported from the foreign relations committee a bill providing a form of government for the Hawaiian islands.

The entire West Virginia congressional delegation called on President McKinley today to urge him to bestow a medal upon Lieut. Col. A. S. Rowan for gallant services during the war with Spain. Col. Rowan bore a message through enemy's lines from Gen. Miles to Gen. Garcia at great peril to his own life. The President said he was very favorably impressed with Rowan's conduct and the medal will probably be given him.

The President sent to the Senate today the reports of Hon. Bartlett Tripp, the Samoan commissioner on the part of the United States, and of the commission that investigated the conduct of the war with Spain.

It was rumored in the House committee on naval affairs this morning that the recent talk the President has had with the commanders of the Cuban fleet has induced him to allow the Schley-Sampson affair to remain in statu quo.

At the State Department it is said today assurances have been received to the effect that Great Britain will pay for all the American goods that were found on board the vessels seized by British ships going into Delagoa Bay.

In the House today Mr. Quarles, of the 10th Virginia district, introduced a resolution expressing the sympathy of this country for the people of South Africa who are now making a brave and gallant struggle for their liberty. Mr. Lamb introduced a bill to pension Rebecca Bland of Virginia, a granddaughter of a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

In the Senate today Mr. Martin submitted the bill passed by the legislature of his State in order to allow the sale of the park of the battlefield near Fredericksburg.

A caucus of the republicans of the Senate will be held some day next week, not yet appointed, to turn out the democratic secretary of the Senate, who has been a body and not a man in his place.

People from Norfolk, Virginia, here today say that E. C. Marshall of Portsmouth will certainly be a candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination in that State.

Mr. Quay's final act, when the report of the elections committee in his case shall be reported adverse, as it probably will be next Monday, they will insist upon its immediate consideration, and that if they succeed in that, they will be sure of his admission to their place.

The District Commissioners and the chairman of the Senate District committee have set their minds upon having a slice of Alexandria county and incorporating it with the District of Columbia. The slice proposed is to include Arlington, Fort Myer and the Fimmet-Eye valley. The assigned reason for this new raid upon Virginia is that law and order may be secured in the seized territory.

DR. MCGLYNN.

Newburgh, N. Y., Jan. 4.—A story appeared in the New York papers this morning to the effect that Rev. Dr. McGlynn, of this city, is suffering from a mysterious growth on his right hip, which is eating its way into his system and robbing him of strength and vitality. When Dr. Townsend, who has been attending Dr. McGlynn during his sickness, was asked about the new item, he said: "It must be the effects of a New Year's joy and the writer of it must have been looking through the bowl. The mysterious growth is news to me, for I have never heard of it before, in fact, there is no truth whatever in that story." Dr. Townsend added that Dr. McGlynn is doing nicely.

THE III-FATED CHARLESTON.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—A copy of the Manila Freedom of November 22 gives some interesting facts concerning the Charleston. It says: "The Charleston has slid off the reef and sunk in deep water. The end of the history of the wreck was received yesterday, when the Helena steamed in to the harbor with the entire crew. Not a soul was missing. Their greatest suffering was from lack of food during their last days on the island. They waited 12 days before the Helena arrived and gladdened their hearts."

RECOVERY OF LOST FACULTIES.

Fort Valley, Ga., Jan. 4.—"Aunt" Polly Jordan is a negro woman living about two miles from here. She is, according to reliable authority, 107 years of age. Some years ago she lost both sight and hearing and her mind became deranged. Recently hearing and sight have both returned and her mental balance is completely restored.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Statistics show that yellow fever is far from being extinguished in Havana. The British steamer Borghese, founded off Cape Fisterre on December 29. Twenty-two persons were drowned.

Jim Jeffries and Jim Corbett have agreed to meet in the ring within three months, and not wait until next September.

The czar has assured the British ambassador that Great Britain need not fear intervention from Russia in the South African complication.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: It is reported that six hundred persons were killed by the earthquake Monday in the Archangel district in the government of Tiflis.

Senator Hanna says he will not be one of the delegates-at-large from Ohio, and will not be a candidate for the permanent chairmanship of the republican national convention.

The friends and political admirers of O. H. P. Belmont, of New York, are actively at work in Texas to advance his interests for the democratic nomination for Vice President.

Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, speaking at Aden, Eng., yesterday, said he desired that Great Britain and the United States should become one nation.

The Pesti-Hirap, of Budapest, says the Austro-Hungarian government contemplates spending \$20,000,000 (about \$100,000,000) immediately for increasing the army and navy, in consequence of the grave European situation.

Great Britain has not yet answered Germany's note of protest regarding the seizure of the German mail steamer, desiring first to communicate with Durban on the subject. A violent tone toward Great Britain is observable in some official quarters.

Prime Minister Salisbury has informed Ambassador Choate that the British government has not yet arrived at any decision as to whether or not breadstuffs are contraband of war. It is stated by English officials that Great Britain will not take Delagoa Bay.

The Duke of Marlborough's offer to accompany the Oxfordshire yeomanry to South Africa has not yet been accepted and it is now said to be unlikely that he will go with the yeomen to South Africa. Married men are not usually accepted in the volunteers.

Governor McLaughlin was nominated by the joint caucus of the Mississippi legislature last night for the senatorial term beginning March 1, 1900. He received 113-2 votes out of a possible 179. Representative Allen was not put in nomination, but most of his friends refused to vote.

A split occurred among the directors of the National Bank of Baltimore yesterday over the choice of a permanent president. A directorate favoring the election of Mr. James L. McLean was chosen for presentation to the stockholders. Three prominent directors withdrew as a result of the action.

United States Ambassador Choate yesterday visited Premier Salisbury in London and made representations on the subject of the seizure of American flag by British vessels off Delagoa Bay. This, it is said, will compel Lord Salisbury to decide the general point of what Great Britain considers contraband of war.

Col. Whallen, of Louisville, who is charged with paying Senator Harrell \$4,500 to remain away from the Kentucky democratic Senatorial caucus, was arraigned before Magistrate Thompson in Frankfort yesterday, and held over to the Franklin county grand jury, his bond being fixed at \$10,000.

The unanimous recommendations of the Santiago capitalists to the President at the White House conference on Tuesday that there should be only one vice admiral, and that if the office were revived it ought to be filled by the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic squadron, Admiral Sampson, was communicated by the President yesterday to Senators and Representatives, and will probably have the practical effect of preventing the office of vice admiral from being revived at all.

PROPOSED COUNTY IMPROVEMENTS.

The committee of nine representing the board of development of Alexandria county met in the Corcoran Building, in Washington, yesterday, and adopted a report to be submitted to the association. The committee was recently appointed by the president of the association to make a careful examination of the new law—"to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Alexandria county to borrow money by the issue of bonds to repair and improve and increase the public roads of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of said county to vote on the question." Favorable consideration of the project to bond the county will be urged by a majority of the committee, and a minority report adverse to the proposition will be made by two members, including Mr. Augustus Davis, who is chairman of the committee. The meeting of the full board will be held at the rooms of the Washington Board of Trade, on the 15th inst.

The following were present at the meeting: Augustus Davis, chairman; W. W. Douglass and James E. Clements, from Arlington district; Dr. J. Taber Johnson, G. G. Boteler and G. N. Saegmuller, from Washington district; and A. B. Graham and G. E. Backer, from Jefferson district. Mr. Frank Johnson, the remaining member of the committee, was absent. The committee took up for consideration the bonding bill.

County Supervisor D. N. Rust, of Jefferson district, a vigorous opponent of the measure, was absent from the meeting. Chairman Davis stated that he had received a letter from Dr. Rust, explaining his absence, and giving arguments against the proposition. The letter from Dr. Rust was then read. When the chairman called for remarks and resolutions, several gentlemen submitted their views. Mr. James E. Clements, secretary of the board, offered a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the meeting that the bonding bill was heartily endorsed by the committee. This motion resulted in a lively debate. Chairman Davis offered a counter proposition. His resolution called for an adverse action and an adverse report by the committee on the entire matter.

A long controversy arose as to the right of procedure of the conflicting motions. Finally the Davis resolution was lost by a vote of 5 to 3, and Mr. Clements then asked the adoption of his motion. An amendment offered by Mr. Douglass to the Clements proposition was lost, and the vote then returned to the resolution endorsing the bonding proposition. Mr. Clements then moved, submitted by Mr. Clements, that the motion, submitted by Dr. Rust, be carried. Mr. Douglass stated that he should like a minority report. After the preparation of the report by Secretary Clements an adjournment was carried.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Major J. B. Bordley died at his residence in Petersburg yesterday after a brief illness.

Dr. R. H. Willis, principal of the Episcopal school at Oatham, died Monday of pneumonia.

A bill will be introduced in the legislature providing for the reorganization of the Bureau of Agriculture.

Jno. B. Cook, a leading citizen of Warwick county, and Thomas R. Borland, a leading lawyer of Norfolk, are dead.

Mr. Frank Thompson has sold one of his farms containing 302 acres near Bealton, Fauquier county, to Mr. Welser for \$3,250.

The memory of Father Ryan, poet laureate of the Southern Confederacy, is to be honored by a monument to be erected in his native city, Norfolk.

Mr. Westley Edwards died at his home near Warrenton on Monday. Had he lived until the 23rd day of March he would have been 88 years old.

Rev. W. A. Guerry, chaplain of the University of the South, at Sewanee, will probably be called to the rectorship of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond.

William L. Wilson, president of Washington and Lee University, will leave Lexington today for the Arizona Hot Springs, near Phoenix, where he will spend several months.

Charles Tolly, 16 years old, of Buchanan, accidentally killed himself while gunning yesterday. He jumped on a brush-hog to scare out a rabbit, when the gun he carried was discharged.

The Wm. Beasley tract of land, containing 1200 acres in Spotsylvania adjoining the White Hall gold mine, was sold at Fredericksburg on Tuesday to Mr. C. B. Holladay, of Richmond, for \$3,355.

Mrs. Huntington yesterday organized the training school for colored girls, for the establishment of which she recently sent her check for \$2,500 to Principal Frizzell, of the Hampton Normal Institute.

Keeper Saunders, the sleepy death watch at the Portsmouth jail, whose slumbers permitted the condemned negro murderer, Walter Cotton, to escape last week, has been fined \$250 for neglect of duty.

The Epps "Jim Crow" car bill and the Folkes measure to require all electric wires in cities of more than 20,000 population to be placed under ground, will be considered by the house committee, in Richmond, on Saturday.

There is a movement on foot to amend the fertilizer law, recently passed, so as to make the members of the board of agriculture and the officers of the department elective by the General Assembly, instead of appointive by the Governor, as now.

Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers were married in Richmond yesterday. The ceremonies were performed at Beth Ahaba Synagogue. Rev. Edward Calhoun officiated. Miss Stella Myers became the wife of Mr. Frank S. Loeb, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Florence Myers wedded Mr. Joseph B. Hecht, of New York.

The Algoma Central Railway Company telegraphed to Richmond yesterday to the William R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company, to know if they could build two first-class freight and passenger steamers to run on the lakes. On long to pressure of work the company declined to consider the offer to build the steamers.

The destruction of the car record office of the Chesapeake and Ohio R. R. in Richmond on Tuesday, will inconvenience every large railroad system in the country. Here were kept the records not only of the company's rolling stock, but a history of every car from other roads that came on its lines. These records are a total loss.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

A report is current in London that the Boers have attacked Molteno, Cape Colony, a small town five miles south of Stormberg, and 25 miles north of St. James, General Gatacre's headquarters.

The War Office does not confirm this report, though it has been informed that Gatacre was about to advance on Molteno. It is believed that Gatacre has tried to cooperate with General French, who is near Colesburg, by advancing from Stormberg and threatening Stormberg, which is connected with Colesburg by railway, and that the Boers met him by advancing to attack him.

General Buller continues to make it evident that General French is by no means a conqueror as yet at Colesburg. The Boers are now in positions where they seriously threaten General French, and unless he is reinforced he may come to grief.

A dispatch from Stormberg states that Commandant Swanevel, the Boer leader who won the recent battle at Stormberg, has died of his wounds.

The recent movements of General Buller and Colonel Buller are regarded as steps toward the capture of the Tugela river. General Buller's troops have been ordered to flank General Cronje, whose entrenched forces near the Modder river prevent Methuen from proceeding to the relief of Kimberley.

Cecil Rhodes has supplied the Boer prison at Kimberley with new clothing.

General Buller continues his night bombardments of Colesburg. As the Tugela river is again fordable and stretcher-bearers have again been requisitioned at Durban and Pietermaritzburg, it is believed that the British advance will not be long delayed.

ADVERTISING ALWAYS SEASONABLE.

There is no close season for advertising, unless the merchant desires a close season for business. Continuous advertising brings the best results; and the wide awake merchant is satisfied only with the best of everything.—(Phila. Record.)

THE GAZETTE.—The Alexandria Gazette is one hundred years old, and it is naturally a little elated over the circumstance. This daily newspaper is as much a part of Alexandria as the ground on which the city is built.—(Norfolk Landmark.)

Having a Great run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Manager Martin, of the Piersen drug store, informs us that he is having a great run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind, and it gives great satisfaction. In these days of a gripple there is nothing like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief within a very short time. The sales are growing, and all who try it are pleased with its prompt action.—[South Chicago Daily Calumet.] For sale by all druggists.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be free of all life, nerve and vigor, take No-Tobacco, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1.00. Guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature reconvened yesterday after a Christmas recess of nearly two weeks, with a small attendance. After the work of the morning hour an adjournment was taken out of respect to Mr. S. Newbern, a member of the House from Norfolk county, who died at the beginning of the holiday recess.

THE SENATE.

A resolution was offered looking to the uniform assessment of property for taxation and directing that the Senate committee on finance and banks shall make inquiry into this subject, and report as soon as practicable by bill or otherwise.

A bill was passed amending the charter of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company so as to empower the company to put in piers and bulkheads and to manufacture steel and iron and the products thereof. The chief object of the bill is to allow the Newport News Company to make armor plate for war vessels.

Senator McIlwaine offered a bill designed to make the Atlantic Coast Line a distinctly Virginia corporation, working wholly under the charter granted by this State.

The following bills were introduced in the Senate:

To amend section 2498 of the code, relative to producing the evidence of debt in matter of discharging liens.

To amend section 457 of the code, in relation to what real estate is exempted from taxation.

To prevent persons getting on or off street cars while the same are in motion.

To prevent persons riding on freight or passenger trains without authority having been first obtained from the said railroad company. (The object of this measure is to punish tramps and other who steal rides on trains.)

To provide for the erection and maintaining of watering troughs for the use of horses and cattle on the public roads of this Commonwealth, and providing penalties for the injury and destruction of same.

To amend the code so as to empower county treasurers to collect fee bills.

HOUSE.

Ex-Speaker Ryan presided in the House.

The first matter taken up was the bill passed by the Senate to abolish the office of register of the land office. It was referred to the proper committee.

A bill providing for the nomination of United States Senators by the primary system was introduced by Mr. Patterson, of Richmond.

Mr. Folkes introduced a bill to reduce the salary of the clerk of the Senate.

Mr. Folkes stated that at present the Senate clerk receives practically \$800 per month for three months' work every two years. He estimated that his bill would result in an annual saving to the Commonwealth of upward of \$1,000. The bill was referred to a committee.

Bills were introduced:

To provide for the garnishment of any levy of execution on wages and salaries of all state officials, clerks, and employees.

To incorporate the Children's Home Society of Virginia.

To amend section 2415 of the code relating to deeds, contracts, &c.

To amend section 3224 of the code relating to how summons of scire facias may be served and copy to be made out for defendant.

To amend section 661 of the code so as to provide additional grounds on which the title of certain purchases may be defeated.

Mr. Gravely introduced a bill where by the State may increase its revenues approximately \$50,000 per year. It amends section 18 of the general revenue act of 1889 '90, so as to increase the tax on gross collections and receipts of insurance companies from 1 per cent to 2 per cent.

On the basis of returns under the present tax of 1 per cent, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 1899, the acts brings in a revenue of \$48,000 per annum, which, under the terms of Mr. Gravely's bill, would be doubled.

There is also a specific license tax, which brings in about \$25,000 per annum. This Mr. Gravely's bill does not disturb.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

William J. Brown, 75 years of age, died suddenly at 823 St. Paul street, Baltimore, this morning of heart disease. Mr. Brown was for many years prominent in New York banking circles, and retired from business several years ago.

The thermometer registered from 15 to 30 degrees below zero in the Sacoe, Me. section this morning. At Nashua, N. H., this was the coldest morning of the year. The thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero at 7 o'clock.

Frederick Heider, aged 45 years, fell to the pavement in New York, in an unconscious condition this morning and was removed to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead, from heart disease, but after an examination of Heider's clothes, an empty bottle, which had recently contained carbolic acid, was found and the general belief is that he committed suicide.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The nationalist and royalist organs think the high court acquittals have sounded the doom of the cabinet. They refer sarcastically to the terrible conspiracy from which the government has saved the nation by acquitting 72 of the dangerous plotters and condemning 3 "with extenuating circumstances."

London, Jan. 4.—The Hamburg-American steamer Patria, which sank off Deal, on the English coast, last month, during an attempt to beach her while on fire, was raised today but immediately sunk again, drowning five men.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The English papers are laughing over a bull made by Ambassador Choate in a speech yesterday at Aden on the occasion of the opening of a new library. In the course of his remarks Mr. Choate said: "Books are to be chewed and digested. They are the gold nuggets of literature."

London, Jan. 4.—Lord Salisbury informed Mr. Choate today, with reference to the seizure of American flour at Delagoa Bay, that he was not able to reply definitely to the protest of the United States until after the admiralty court at Durban had rendered a decision in the case. However, the Prime Minister was able to inform Mr. Choate that he had a report to the effect that the flour barrels on the vessels seized were addressed to the Transvaal government.

Pembroke, Eng., Jan. 4.—The new royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which was launched and nearly capsized yesterday in an attempt to undock her, was successfully floated today. The vessel is badly strained and will need a thorough overhauling.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Figaro prints a wild story today. It is a statement signed by an officer in the Russian engineers, asserting that Emperor William is in the closest possible communication with the Boers by cable and is personally directing the campaign against the British.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The formal sentencing of the conspirators condemned by the high court took place today. Both Deroulle and Bouffet were sentenced to ten years banishment from France. It was believed yesterday that the vote for extension would reduce the sentence in Deroulle's case to five years exile. Friends of the prisoners are still confident that they will be pardoned. M. Guerin was sentenced to ten years' detention in a fortress.

From South Africa.

Starkstrom, Jan. 3.—The Boers yesterday occupied Molteno and Cyphergat, a few miles south of Molteno, but later a force from here advanced and recaptured Cyphergat. The fighting was confined to long distance skirmishing. The Boer commando numbered 3,000 men. Advancing south from Molteno, they took a position on a hill, holding it with guns captured from Gatacre at Stormberg. Gatacre moved out from Starkstrom with his mounted men and a battery and dislodged the Boers who retired northward. The British suffered no casualties.

Rensburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 3.—Sharp fighting between the Boers and General French's force continued today. The Boers are holding Colesburg though the British have almost surrounded them.

Frere Camp, Jan. 3.—British scouts today found the enemy at the little Tugela bridge. After a brief skirmish the scouting party retired. A lieutenant and five men are missing. The Boers are reported to be short of food and fodder.

Belmont, Jan. 3.—Col. Picher evacuated Douglas today safely and brought a number of refugees to Dover Farm. De Aar, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—Reinforcements have been sent to Gen'l French via the railroad to Naauwpoort.

London, Jan. 4.—An official dispatch from Capetown says Capt. Montmorency has evacuated Dordrecht, retiring to Birdsiding. Firing continued at Colesburg.

Paris, Jan. 4.—A rumor is current here that Gen. Buller has made another attempt to relieve Ludsmith and been repulsed.

Frere Camp, Jan. 4.—The British shelled the Boer trenches vigorously with Lyddite shells today.

Another German steamer seized.

London, Jan. 4.—A Hamburg dispatch says that a German has been received there that the Transvaal mail steamer General, from Hamburg for east Africa, has been boarded at Aden by British soldiers who seized the vessel and ordered the discharge of her crew.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The Hamburg-East African mail steamer Harzog is due at Delagoa Bay and there is much speculation here as to whether the British will attempt to seize her as they did the Bundesrath of the same line.

The English answer to the German government's note relative to the seizure of the Bundesrath is of a dilatory character and officials here are beginning to consider the situation serious. Any further stoppages of German ships will be taken to show a tendency on England's part to force a conflict with Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The news received here in a Hamburg dispatch to the effect that the German steamer General has been seized by the British authorities at Aden has created much excitement and added fuel to the recent anti-English feeling in Germany because of the seizure of the Bundesrath. Upon receipt of confirmation of the news, the government immediately sent a note of protest to England.

Transport Victoria Overdue.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—The big transport Victoria is now 78 days out of this port for Manila, and shipping men are fearful that the vessel has gone to the bottom. The